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PART II.

[NOTE. Owing to an error having been made last month in the arrangement of the descriptive text of this article, we reprint that portion of it this month.—EDITOR E. P.]

THE ENGRAVED SERIES.

One Penny. 1840, May 6. Die I. [Die II, or the re-engraved head, may be distinguished from Die I by the eyelids, which are much plainer in Die II. Worn impressions of Die II, however, are very much like Die I.] Letters in the lower corners; crosses in the upper corners; plate numbers not marked imperforate; hand-made wove paper, occasionally blued, watermarked small crown. 1d., black.

1841. Same, except that the paper is almost always blued. 1d, red-brown.

1848–50. [About this time the Dickinson safety paper, with silk threads, and the Archer perforating and rouletting machines, were experimented with. Some of the experimental stamps were issued to the public. It is impossible to distinguish the Archer perforations from the perforations adopted later, except by the date of the letter, which should be before Jan. 12, 1854.] Same on paper with silk threads. 1d., red-brown.

Same as issue of 1841 except being rouletted. 1d., red brown.

Same, perforated 16. 1d., red-brown.

1854. Same as issue of 1841 except being perforated 16. 1d., red-brown.

Same, perforated 14. 1d., red-brown.

1855. Die II, perforate 16; otherwise the same. 1d., red-brown.

Same, perforate 14. 1d., red-brown.

1855-58. Same design; large crown watermark. This and the following type are listed on both blued and white in the 56th. The early printings are generally blued, while the later printings are rarely so. Perforated 16. 1d., red-brown and rose-red.

Same, perforated 14. 1d., red-brown, rose-red and orange.

1864. Same head, with letters in all four corners of the frame. Hand-made wove paper, never blued, watermarked large crown; plate numbers in the lathe work at sides. The first plate numbered was No. 70; the last was 225, used in 1879. Nos. 70, 75, 77, 126 and 128 were spoiled and not used. 1d., red, 156 plates.

REPRINT.

The 1d., black, was reprinted from Plate 66 in 1864. This plate was Die II. with two letters and without the plate number. It was reprinted in black, on large crown paper; imperforate.

Two Pence. 1840, Plates 1 and 2. Letters in lower corners only. No white line under POSTAGE nor above TWO PENCE. Hand-made wove paper, rarely blued; watermarked small crown; imperforate. Plates 1 and 2 are not numbered, and can only be distinguished by the positions of the letters in the squares. The *English Specialists' Journal* expects to illustrate reconstructed sheets of the two plates in the near future. The same die, with the exception of the frame, was used for both the 1d. and 2d. values, so the 2d. exhibits the same differences of die. Die I, eyelids indistinct; die II, eyelids plain. 2d., blue.

1841. Plates 3 and 4. Die I. The plates are unnumbered, but a different set of corner letters was used for each. These plates have the thick lines below POSTAGE and above TWO PENCE. Paper almost always blued; watermarked small crown; imperforate. 2d., blue.

1854. Plates 4 and 5. Die I. Plates not numbered, but different sets of letters used. Paper generally blued; watermarked small crown; perforated 16. 2d., blue.

Plates 4 and 5. Same, perforated 14. 2d., blue.

1856. Plate 5. Same, with large crown watermark; perforate 16. 2d., blue.

Plate 5. Same, perforate 14. 2d., blue.

1857. Plate 6. Die I. Not numbered. The lines above TWO PENCE and below POSTAGE are much thinner than in plate 5. The letters also differ. Same paper and watermark; perforate 16. 2d., blue.

Plate 6. Same, perforate 14. 2d., blue.

1858. Plate 7. Die II. Letters in all four corners. Plate numbers in the lathe work at sides. Paper rarely blued; watermarked large crown; perforated 14.

Plates 8, 9 and 12. Same. Can be distinguished by the numbers. Plates 10 and 11 were not issued. 2d., blue.

1869. Plates 13, 14 and 15. Thinner lines above TWO PENCE and below POSTAGE. 2d., blue.

Half-Penny. 1870. Small stamps on white wove paper; watermarked *Half-Penny* in script, extending over three stamps; perforated 14. The plate numbers are in the network at the sides of the head. There were 20 plates, numbered 1 to 20. Plates 2, 7, 16, 17 and 18 were not used. ½d., rose-red, 12 plates.

Three Halfpence. 1860. Plate 1. White hand-made wove paper; watermarked large crown; perforated 14. Plate 1 is not numbered. Those of this value issued in 1860 were not used. 1½d., lilac.

1870. Plate 1. 1½d., rose-red.

Plate 3. Same, with plate number at sides. There was no plate 2. 1½d., rose-red.

THE EMBOSSED SERIES.

One Shilling. 1870. Die I. The die numbers are after the initials of Wm. Wyon (the engraver) at the base of the bust. [The word die, used in connection with the embossed series, really means plate. It should not be confused with the same word used in connection with the engraved series.] Embossed on thin and thick cream Dickinson paper with vertical pairs of silk threads. The threads vary in position and distance apart. The gum is both brown and white. Imperforate. 1s., pale and dark green.

Die 2. Same. 1s., pale and dark green.

Ten Pence. 1848. Without die number; otherwise the same as the 1s. 10d., red-brown.

Die 1. Same, with die number. 10d., red-brown.

Die 2. This die number is before the initials of the engraver. This die was temporarily re-issued in 1836. 10d., red-brown.

Dies 3 and 4. Same. 10d., red-brown.

Six Pence. 1854. Die 1. Different design, embossed on hand-made paper varying in color; watermarked VR; imperforate. 6d., violet.

THE SURFACE PRINTED SERIES.

Twopence Half-penny. The 5s. and 10s. and £1 of this series were printed in sheets of 80, composed of eight horizontal rows of ten stamps each. They were perforated 15. All other values were printed in sheets of 240, arranged as before described, and perforated 14.

1875. Plates 1 to 3. Bluish and white wove paper, watermarked anchor. Plates numbered. It is said that plates 4 and 5 were issued with this watermark. 2½d., rose.

1876. Plates 3 to 17. Same, on white wove paper, watermarked an orb. 2½d., rose.

1880. Plates 17 to 20. Same. 2½d., blue.

1881. Plates 21 to 23. Same, watermarked crown of 1880. 2½d., blue.

Three Pence. 1862. Plate 2. Corner letters in small circles; white wove paper; watermarked emblems. No plate number. At first the white background of the corners was filled with network. This was removed before the stamps were issued. 3d., rose.

1863. Plate 3. Same, with the exception of a small dot before and after POSTAGE. 3d., rose.

1864. Plate 4. Large white letters in the corners. Plate numbers at sides. Same paper and watermark. 3d., rose.

1867. Plates 4 to 10. Same, watermarked spray of rose. 3d., rose.

1873. Plates 11 to 20. Large colored letters in corners. Plate numbers at sides. Plate 13 was not issued. White wove paper, watermarked spray. It is said that plate 21 was also issued with this watermark. 3d., rose.

1880. Plates 20 and 21. Same, watermarked crown of 1880. 3d., rose.

Four Pence. 1855. Without corner letters or plate numbers. On blue or enameled white wove paper, watermarked small garter. 4d., rose.

1856. Same, watermarked medium garter. 4d., rose.

1857. Same, on white wove paper, watermarked large garter. 4d., rose.

1862. Plate 3. Same, with the exception of a Roman numeral I outside of the letter blocks. 4d., vermilion.

1862. Plate 4. Same, with the exception of a Roman numeral II outside and a hair line across each letter block. 4d., vermilion.

1865. Plates 7 to 14. Large white letters in the corners. Plates numbered. White wove paper; watermarked large garter. 4d., vermilion.

1876. Plates 15 and 16. Same, with large colored letters in corners. 4d., vermilion.

1877. Plates 15 to 17. Same. 4d., sage green.

1880. Plate 17. Same. 4d., brown.

1881. Plates 17 and 18. Same, watermarked crown of 1880. 4d., brown.

Six Pence. 1856. No letters or plate numbers. White wove paper, watermarked emblems. 6d., lilac.

1862. Plate 3. Small white letters in corners. Hyphen between six and pence. Same paper and watermark. 6d., lilac.

Plate 4. Same, with hair line across letter squares. 6d., lilac.

1865. Plates 5 and 6. Large white letters in corners. Plates numbered. Hyphen between six and pence. Same paper and watermark. 6d., lilac.

1867. Plate 6. Same, watermarked spray. 6d., lilac.

1869. Plates 8 and 9. Same, without hyphen. Plates 7 and 10 were not used. 6d., violet.

1872. Plates 11 and 12. Large white letters in corners, head in hexagon. Same paper and watermark. 6d., brown.

1873. Plate 12. Same. 6d., gray.

1874. Plates 13 to 17. Large colored letters in corners. Same paper and watermark. Plate 18 is said to have been issued with this watermark. 6d., gray,

1881. Plates 17 and 18. Same, watermarked crown of 1880. 6d., gray.

Eight Pence. 1876. Plate 1. White wove paper, watermarked large garter. Plate 2 was not used. Printings were made from plate 1 in lilac. They were not used, however. 8d., orange.

Nine Pence. 1862. Plate 2. Small letters; no number; white wove paper; watermarked emblems. 9d., yellow-brown.

Plate 3. Same with hair lines in letter blocks. 9d., yellow-brown.

1865. Plate 4. Large white letters; plates numbered. Plate 5 was not used. 9d., yellow-brown.

1867. Plate 4. Same, watermarked spray. 9d., yellow-brown.

Ten Pence. 1867. Plate 1. White wove paper, watermarked spray. Plate 2 was made, but not used. 10d., red-brown.

One Shilling. 1856. Plate 1. No letters nor number. White wove paper, watermarked emblems. 1s., green.

1862. Plate 2. Small white letters in corners.

Figure 1 at sides. Same paper and watermark. Plate 3 was not used. It was numbered 2 and had hair lines in the letter squares. 1s., green.

1865. Plate 4. Large white letters. Correctly numbered. Same paper and watermark. 1s., green.

1867. Plates 4 to 7. Same, watermarked spray. 1s., green.

1873. Plates 8 to 17. Colored letters in corners. Same paper and watermark. 1s., green.

1880. Plate 13. Same. 1s., salmon.

1881. Plates 13 and 14. Same, watermarked crown of 1880. 1s., salmon.

Two Shillings. 1867. Plate 1. White wove paper, watermarked spray. Another plate was made, but not used. 2s., blue.

Five Shillings. 1867. Plates 1 and 2. White wove paper, watermarked a cross. Plate 3 was not used. Plate 4 is said to have been issued with this watermark. 5s., carmine.

Ten Shillings. 1878. Plate 1. White wove paper, watermarked cross. 10s., gray.

1883. Plate 1. Same, watermarked an anchor. 10s., gray.

One Pound. 1878. Plate 1. White wove paper, watermarked a cross. £1, violet.

1882. Plate 1. Same, watermarked an anchor. £1, violet.

THE DE LA RUE SERIES.

This consists of the late stamps that do not bear plate numbers. The latter issues of the series do not have the corner letters. They are all watermarked crown of 1880. We will not list them, as there are but few interesting minor varieties.

NOTES.

There are very many varieties of English revenue stamps that may be found with postal cancellations. Most of them were authorized to be so used.

Many English stamps were used in British post offices in foreign countries. Most of the South American countries and many British Colonies depended for many years upon the British post office for their foreign service. Most of the cancellation marks used in the British offices in these countries bore a number with a letter prefixed.

There are many essays of British stamps. The 1d., black, is the only stamp that has been counterfeited, although there are several changelings and forged surcharges.

Tasmania Envelopes.

It may be a case of the "blind leading the blind," yet perhaps some one may learn a little; if so, it is sufficient. To begin with, my experience with Tasmania stamps has been very limited, though one of my favorite countries. The adhesives I will leave for others to speak of, as I possess only 36 varieties.

For two years I tried to obtain Tasmania envelopes, but without success, when one day a package came from "across the water" which caused me to look more than once, then to study and ask questions without obtaining very satisfactory answers. Either the sender didn't want to bother, or else was as ignorant as the writer. Anyhow, my knowledge of Tasmania envelopes has been gained alone, with the aid of catalogue, eye, scale, books, etc, anything that treated on the subject, and the study of the few stamps in my possession. So don't begin to find fault, fellow-collectors.

We will not tell of knife 45 nor anything of the kind, but will just use a millimeter scale, so you can all measure for yourselves. Neither do I consider myself an authority, but this paper may help some one; if so, that is enough. Should it fail of doing so, you must take the will for the deed, and for whatever is said amiss we are willing to be forgiven.

My used envelopes all came from New Norfolk, while the used wrappers came from Hobart on a stamp paper, but not a stamped newspaper. Whether the envelopes are on sale at either office I cannot say, but both envelopes and wrappers in my possession are of two sizes; other sizes may exist, but this I am not positive about.

The first envelope (Scott's 54th numbers given) is No. 251. This envelope is on a white, close-laid paper, similar to that used in the United States at the present time. The envelope measures 78x138 mm.; has round flaps; gum forms point in middle of flap and extends within 8mm. of end of envelope, where it ends in a curve.

Nos. 252 and 253 were supposed to be alike, but vary ½ to 1mm. in width on different envelopes. Size is 66x118mm.; flaps are pointed; gum does not extend within 26mm. of end of flap, and has straight ends; gum measures 10mm. wide on No. 252, 7½mm. on No. 253. Here let me state that it varies on nearly all the envelopes from 6½ to 20mm. in width. No. 252 is the same shade of blue as that used in the United States envelope at the present time. The paper used in the colored envelopes varies in thickness, the laid lines being about 8mm. apart. Between the lines the paper looks like a close wove paper, the lines showing plain in whatever position the envelope is held or laid. I have a used envelope, 1d., red, on green paper, same stamp, size, etc., as No. 253. This I have not found catalogued. It was mailed March 22, 1892.

No. 254 is on a thick white laid paper; flap pointed; envelope measures 78x138mm.; gum wide, but same shape as found on envelope 252.

Envelopes 255, 256—same as No. 254 in size, gum, etc.

Envelopes 258, 260, 261, 263—½x½d., red. These stamps are side by side, and envelopes are white laid paper. Same in gum as No. 257.

No. 261. This envelope measures 78x138mm. The paper used is a white laid paper, much heavier than is found in the other envelopes, and the flap, instead of coming to the end of the envelope, slants in. Gum, 20mm. in widest place. Another peculiarity about this envelope: the 2d., green, stamp is on the upper right-hand corner, while the ½d., red, is on the opposite upper corner, and not side by side, as on the other combination envelopes.

No. 264. Can give no information that would be satisfactory.

I have No. 251 on two kinds of paper—a laid lavender and a wove manila amber paper. My

registration envelopes are square cut, and therefore I am unable to give their size. One thing worthy of note is that none of the envelopes are watermarked, and I have yet to see one that is. I have but six of the different values in a used condition, and the envelopes were taken in exchange at catalogue rate. For Nos. 260 and 261 I gave 30 cents each in exchange.

Wrappers. The newspaper wrappers of Tasmania might form the subject of an entire article, as considerable might be written about them. They differ in size from 110mm. to 218mm. in width and from 285mm. to over 300mm. in length. Some are found on a smooth wove paper, others on a straw, others on a very rough wove paper. As to the color, they would cause a commotion in a tribe in the interior of Africa. People generally exclaim, on seeing them, "What a conglomeration of colors!" One person remarked that one thing was evident: No woman ever had anything to say about these, and the man! surely, his taste wasn't educated! The stamps are all in red, as you know, and come to put them on a red, carmine, yellow, dark dull blue, bright green, magenta and pink papers, they form a combination anything but pleasing to the eye.

The ½d., red, No. 251 E, has ten wrappers in a set, on ten different colors of paper; the combination ½x½d., red (E 3), ten wrappers to a set, 10 different shades, and all unwatermarked, while E 3, ½d., has four wrappers in a set, on four other colors of paper.

The watermarked wrappers I have are E 3, No. 251. The ½d., red, on white paper, of this set, has the words "superfine gloss," while the one on buff paper has a large crown watermark, and the other two values, on salmon pink and robin's egg blue, have no watermark. This is the handsomest of the three sets of wrappers. The paper has a fine, smooth finish not found in the others.

When writing to my correspondent about the difference in paper and the colors used, he informed me that where a large quantity was taken the buyer had the privilege of furnishing his own paper, but paid the government for printing and stamping the same, as is done in England with envelopes. How true this is I cannot tell, but the person was where he ought to know what he was talking about, and if private individuals furnished the paper, that probably accounts for the two "watermarked" wrappers.

Some of the stamps overlap each other; again, there is quite a space between them. It did not seem to make much difference *how* they are put on if they are only *got* on.

Their postal cards are clear, pretty and well done. I have but three of them — Nos. 405, 412 and 415 — but consider them all well worth keeping. Had I to choose between the wrappers and postal cards of Tasmania, I would take the latter, as they certainly would form a handsomer collection.

That reminds me, Who can give a pretty or better way to keep these articles? When filed in a box, they are not satisfactory, and the albums made for them cannot be called beautiful, although they may serve the purpose for which they were intended.

The best of anything yet seen was a collection mounted by a collector formerly of this city. They had large sheets of black cardboard, smooth surface, the kind of board that would bend easily, but not break and show a white streak. A sheet was cut into four pieces, and around the edge a border was ruled; some had white, others had a gilt border. Next white envelopes were taken, the corners cut off and ruled to correspond with the page; then the cards were arranged in different designs and the corners marked with a dot, because there were the envelope corners to be put on. These were securely fastened to the cardboard, then the card slipped into these corners. In this way, a card could easily be taken out, examined and replaced. A portfolio was used to keep the sheets in, but a box would answer as well. Mounted in this way, they formed a very handsome collection (but it required patience to do the work), and it was the most satisfactory of any way I have ever seen to dispose of postal cards.

STRAWBERRY BANK.

The Charms of Philatelic Politics.

Philately, like Cæsar's Gaul, may be divided into three parts: stamp collecting, stamp journalism and stamp society politics. Of these three the last is undoubtedly the most important and useful branch. The time was when philatelists collected postage stamps, and old fogies may claim that that is still the main object of the hobby. It may be so abroad, but in this free and progressive country we have long passed that antediluvian stage, and philatelic politics, which form an excellent training school for American politics, deservedly stand at the head of matters philatelic in this country.

It is useless to question the pre-eminence of politics in Philately. It is enough to say that it is. Those few who are so blind as not to appreciate all their good qualities (there are really no bad ones of any importance) will simply have to grin and bear it. The most progressive papers, and most aggressive, too, for that matter, are devoting more and more space to this branch of our "science." And is this not as it should be? Are not portraits and those glorious panegyrics we see so frequently nowadays of more interest than a description of the minor varieties of the stamps of Cashmere? Is not the fact that John Jones, Jr., is a young whole-souled "Nature's nobleman" (a new species, of which the philatelic woods are full; no relation to the imported foreign article) of more importance than the distinguishing points between the lithographed and engraved issues of Hungary?

What fine men are engaged in philatelic politics all the year around — sometimes even thirteen months in the year! Are they not the finest lot of men, and boys, that can be found on this globe? Do not the above-mentioned progressive and aggressive journals hold this fact up before our eyes at every possible opportunity? What reason have we for allowing ourselves to doubt their word? It may sometimes happen by accident that some politician here turns out a black sheep. This, however, happens in all walks of life, and the high and lofty

ideals which the writers for these papers form of the perfect type of the philatelic politician, as embodied in their candidate, are worth a thousand disappointments in the way of back or downward sliding. Even a cynic, unless he is an utterly hardened sinner, will appreciate this raising of the standard of ideals in the rising generation (I say rising because the statesmen of Philately are all young men. Some are very fresh young men, indeed. No slang intended).

And now as to the charms which hold the finest lot of men, and boys, on this globe spellbound. It is a well-known fact that every American youth has a secret idea all to himself that he will be the President of this country some day. Philatelic politics are the best place to get points for municipal and national politics — one good attractive charm. Then is there not the pleasure of seeing your name in print, even if you have to pay a little for it? Does not your bosom swell with pride when you are mentioned as one of the leading candidates for the position of original gum detector in the X. Y. Z. Philatelic Society? Your name is on the lips of men, fine men, big men, the Solons who are experienced in all the joys and triumphs of philatelic politics. Your mail assumes plethoric dimensions. If you live in a small town you will be looked upon as a person of some importance. Just think what an important personage Otto Bickel was in San Marino. He doubled and tripled the mail going through the post office there. This is a possibility for every aspiring youth of political proclivities, if the town is small enough and he has a long enough list of correspondents.

Again, it is worth at least twenty years of ordinary life to have attended a convention. We have the authority of some of the wisest heads in Philately as proof of the truth of this assertion. Is not ——? but enough — I could go on ad infinitum. Enough is as good as a feast, if of the proper ingredients and seasoned highly enough.

Let it not be supposed that I am talking from mere hearsay. Oh, no! I have been there myself. I say "been there," because just at present I am out of a job politically. My experience may be interesting and prove a warning to others.

My friend Y. and myself were elected, after a lively campaign, in which we spent considerable time, postage, money and patience in writing epistles to people we never heard of before, subscribing to third-rate magazines and advertising, to positions in which we we were supposed to have considerable control over the management of the affairs of the A. B. C. Philatelic Association, no connection of the newly-formed "Stamps Publishing Co. of New York."

Somehow, that control did not materialize, but we had lots of glory — quantities of it. We had the honor of a visit from the President of the society, who talked with us about everything under the sun, except stamps; our names were on the list of officials of the largest philatelic society in the world. (By the way, each one of the societies appears to be the largest in the world.) We were looked upon as very efficient officials after sending in one or two reports about nothing in particular, and we were rapidly developing into those superior beings mentioned above, who are the subjects of the glorious panegyrics. It mattered not one bit that we did nothing with our offices. Most offices in our societies require no work; it is all honor. For the more harmonius working of our associations I would suggest that an office be created for each member. That would bring about the philatelic millenium, which our writers talk about so often when they have nothing better on hand.

Our lot ought to have satisfied anybody, but Y. and I were unappreciative mortals, most ungrateful for all our honors. A person is always wiser afterwards, and I see now that I was blind, quite blind, when I urged Y. on in his struggle after that illusive control, which we were supposed to have, but didn't get. The President was considerately taking all the work out of our hands; in fact, he was looking after the running of the whole society with the most self-sacrificing solicitude, but we did not appreciate his efforts. We thought he was dictatorial, assuming authority he did not by right possess, etc., idiots that we were. In our blindness we resigned — yes, "bade farewell to all our former glory." With what result? The President continued to run things to the evident satisfaction of most of the members. One or two grumblers started a mud-slinging campaign, the only disagreeable feature of philatelic politics, in which he painted the President's high crimes and misdemeanors in such glowing colors, in such elegant language, that everybody felt sorry for him and took the assertions with a good-sized pinch of salt. At the annual convention the poor abused one evolved a little idea, which had the great merit of electing his nominees, *viz.*, the celebrated cumulative ballot system, and it worked excellently. He got his men in, only one of the enemy winning. After the election friends and foes all kissed and made up, the mud-slinging was forgotten, and everybody was supremely happy. It is hardly necessary to say that the worthy ex-President still manages the society from behind the throne.

We were left out in the cold. Our mail has dwindled down to a few sample copies of new magazines. We have the secret sympathy of a few, who feel sorry for us in our desolation; that is all. Alone and forgotten.

And when I think of what the future had in store for us: Y. might have been dubbed the Julius Cæsar of philatelic politics, and I — well, let my bitter tears be a warning to those who do not appreciate the charms of philatelic politics and the good intentions of philatelic politicians. VERITAS.

The instalment of "Counterfeits I Have Seen," for this issue, has failed to reach us, probably owing to the new state (that of matrimony) which the author has entered recently. We suppose, under the circumstances, we shall have to excuse Mr. Hopkins, and think our readers will do the same. But don't let it occur again, Brother H.

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DECEMBER, 1896.

EDITORIAL

Notwithstanding our notices that stamped envelope must be inclosed with subscription for the premium set of Cuban stamps, many neglect to inclose it, and consequently the premium is not sent. In many instances the envelope is inclosed, but with no stamp affixed. If you have not received your premium, you probably failed to comply with the above rule, and by sending the necessary stamped envelope the premium will be sent you.

Is there a $5000 United States revenue stamp? The *Boston Stamp Book* says there is, and that it was issued especially for the mortgage given to the government by the Pacific railroads. The *Philatelic Monthly and World* states that it has received a letter from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, saying that no such stamp was ever issued, that the $500 was the highest value, of which only 505 were issued.

We are again a few days late this month, owing to a rush of work in our job printing department. We hope to issue the January number on time, and to that end we ask our advertisers and others to send in their favors not later than the 10th.

In a lot of U. S. 3c., 1861, we recently found a specimen which, besides being perforated all around, had two extra rows of perforations across the stamp the narrowest way, about five millimetres from the top and bottom.

We have received several hundred new subscribers the past month, as a result of the large number of sample copies of our holiday issue circulated. We send out 1000 extra copies of this month's edition, and expect to add many new names to our list during the next few weeks. We have no doubt we have the largest paid-in-advance circulation of any stamp monthly in America, which is partly the result of the valuable premium we are offering and extensively advertising, and partly because we are giving the philatelic public a readable and reliable publication. That our efforts are appreciated is shown by the large number of letters of commendation we are constantly receiving from subscribers. We append three, which are but samples of hundreds we have on file in our office:

"The EASTERN PHILATELIST is one of the papers I cannot do without. Of the twenty-five philatelic papers to which I am a subscriber, the E. P. is second to none. T. H. GAFFORD, JR.

"Church Hill, Md."

"There is an indescribable 'something' about the E. P. that will draw its subscription price from me as long as its present standard is maintained.

"Yours truly, G. T. MOWAT.

"Peoria, Illinois."

"*Dear Sir:* In your Holiday Number you have me down as having neglected to forward the stamped and self-directed envelope which entitles me to the premium. I subscribed simply for the paper, as I have been doing since 1894, and think that I am getting more than the money's worth as it is, letting alone any premium. PAUL ESSELBORN.

"Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1896."

Advertisers can find no better medium than the EASTERN PHILATELIST, and the right kind of an ad is sure to bring good results. Our rates are very low, considering the size and character of our circulation. Friend dealer, if you have never tried the E. P., why not do so *now*, and watch results.

The Detroit Philatelic Association was organized in that city on the evening of Dec. 2, with fifty charter members. The officers are as follows: President, John Kay; Vice President, Charles A. Henze; Secretary and Treasurer, Howard C. Beck; Executive Committee, Thomas Farmer, H. B. Bromley, W. H. Kessler, Jr., and A. H. Crittenden. The Executive Committee are now arranging for permanent rooms, and meetings will be held regularly every two weeks. A membership of more than one hundred is already assured, and some rapid increases in the collections of Detroit stamp collectors, together with some interesting and lively meetings, are looked for. Mr. Kay, the President, has been collecting steadily since 1858, and has a large and very valuable collection.

Philatelic Clippings is the title of a new paper announced to appear from Hoboken, N. J., William H. Meredith, publisher.

The Texas Philatelic Association publishes a neat little monthly paper, the *Official Bulletin*. Terms, 25 cents per year.

"One of our esteemed contemporaries has seemingly received so few subscribers of late that it is now offering stamps worth $1.00 (?) and the magazine a year for twenty-five cents; or, in other words, giving a year's subscription and 75 cents' worth (?) of stamps free."—*Evergreen State Philatelist.*

As the above evidently refers to the EASTERN PHILATELIST, we will state, first, that we do not advertise stamps *worth* $1.00 free with a year's subscription, but Cuban stamps *catalogued* at $1.00 by Scott's 56th catalogue. We do not know of a dealer who is selling this set of stamps for as small a sum as 25 cents, so our subscribers are more than getting their money's worth, and we have yet to hear the first complaint. Secondly, as to ovr "having received so few subscribers of late," we will wager a page advertisement for a year with the *E. S. P.* that our *paid* subscription list on the first day of August (before we advertised the premium offer) was at least *double* that of the *E. S. P.* Our subscription books shall be open for inspection to any dealer in Boston Mr. French may select, and his shall be examined by any dealer we may select in San Francisco. Now, Brother French, "either show up or dry up."

Our experience in advertising is that stamp ads in other than stamp publications do not pay. We recently ran an inch ad in *Sunbeams*, advertising our premium offer, costing us $10 for the three insertions, and did not receive a dozen replies in all. A $9.00 ad in *St. Nicholas* two months ago has as yet brought but eighteen replies. Similar ads in stamp magazines have paid a hundred fold, and from a column ad in one of our contemporaries, inserted three times, we have so far traced over 300 answers. Nearly all philatelists now take several stamp magazines, and an ad is pretty sure to be seen by most of the fraternity if inserted in the leading stamp publications, which can be done for about what it would cost for one of the best juvenile magazines, and we think the returns will be far greater.

We have received a copy of Beardsley's Stamp Collectors' and Dealers' Address Book and Directory, and from a casual examination we should say it was a most complete and valuable work. It contains the names and addresses of more than 12,000 stamp collectors and dealers in all parts of the world; also a list of philatelic journals, societies, etc., and a large number of advertisements. The book contains 96 pages, and is sold for $1.00. Herbert C. Beardsley, publisher, Box 216, St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel, the editor of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, has recently taken unto himself a wife, and the E. P. hastens to extend congratulations. Matrimony appears to be epidemic in the Mekeel establishment, for S. B. Hopkins lost no time in imitating the example set him by his worthy chief.

A special number of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is promised by its publisher, Mr. C. W. Kissinger, for this month.

The editor has in his collection of oddities an entire 1857 3c., red, United States envelope, which did duty in the Southern Confederacy during the war by having two 5c., small, Confederate States stamps affixed over the U. S. stamp, the latter being uncancelled. We also have various 2c. envelope stamps cut out and pasted on other envelopes, all of which passed the post without any postage due being collected, and one of them was cut out of an oriental buff and pasted on a white envelope. Unperforated proofs of several issues we also have on the original envelopes, all of which did postal duty. Another curiosity is an envelope (sealed) addressed to the editor from Welaka, Fla. (postmarked Aug. 22, 1891), which is prepaid by a composite stamp formed by cutting out the medallion in a 1c., blue, 1890 stamp and inserting in its place the medallion cut from a 2c., carmine, of the same issue. And this freak came safely to hand and no postage due was demanded on delivery.

Mekeel's Daily Stamp Item has suspended publication, it not proving a paying venture, and thus the daily stamp paper is a thing of the past. The time is not yet ripe for a daily philatelic paper, and we doubt if it ever will be. Very few fads or hobbies can support a daily publication, for the reason that it caters to but one class of individuals, and has but one subject to draw on to fill its columns. The weekly fills the bill in every particular, especially as a purveyor of news, while the monthly occupies the field as a medium for essays and more weighty articles. Philately can get along very well without a daily paper for many years to come.

We have received the wedding announcement of one of our contributors, Mr. S. B. Hopkins, of Chicago, who will be a happy benedict by the time these lines are seen by our readers. December 31 is the date set for the important event, which occurs at Galena, Ill., the bride being Miss Rhoda Ellen Clark, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David Clark. We extend to the happy couple our heartiest congratulations, and we know our readers will unite with us in wishing them long life and much happiness and prosperity.

We recently saw a fine collection, the stamps in which were all hinged on the left side instead of at the top. The owner was of the opinion that the specimens retained their places better and were much easier to examine for watermarks, etc., than if hinged in the ordinary way.

P. M. Wolsieffer, the well-known Chicago dealer, has placed a new blank album on the market, sample pages of which he has sent us. The pages are ruled in small squares in a light tint, and the squares are numbered on the margins, thus making it very easy to arrange and mount the stamps.

At this writing, Dec. 26, we have not received the December report of the Secretary of the New England Philatelic Association, which accounts for its non-appearance in this issue.

John B. Brevoort, one of our advertisers, has removed from New York City to Johnsonburg, Pa.

Canadian Notes.

Mr. Walter McMahon is preparing the first number of his new paper, the *Philatelic Canadian*, for publication, and the first number is expected to be out in a few days. I was permitted to see some pages of the new venture before it was bound, and if the pages I saw can be taken as a fair sample, the *Canadian* will be a very neat journal. Canada is certainly having a surfeit of philatelic papers this year.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe of St. Catherines has issued a directory of Ontario collectors and dealers. Its appearance is neat, but is small in size, and not enough effort appears to have been made to collect a complete list of the names and addresses of Ontario Philatelists. Less than 150 names are given, which is, I should think, about ten per cent. of the total number of collectors to be found in Ontario. However, that is but Mr. Widdicombe's first effort in this line, and doubtless a really first-class handbook may be expected next year.

Canadian dealers are rejoicing over the recent boom in United States revenues. Quite a bit of attention has been directed to Canadian revenues on this account, and the market for these stamps shows a marked improvement within the last six or eight weeks. There are some Canadian revenues which it is almost impossible to procure. The most notable example of these is the 90c., green, F. F. Law. I have never seen more than three specimens of this stamp in my life, and at the present time I know of only one copy in Ontario.

Quite a bit of ill-feeling is likely to be caused among the collectors of the Dominion on account of the action of certain Ontario collectors, who are agitating for the formation of a Provincial Philatelic Society for Ontario. It had been hoped that if a union of the D. P. A. and C. P. A. could be consummated no other society of a national or a provincial character would be started. If our already existing societies can be amalgamated it certainly would be a foolish step to start any provincial societies unless affiliated with the national organization.

I presume that most of the readers of the E. P. have heard of the new Canadian foreign post card. As yet they have been placed on sale at very few of the offices throughout the Dominion, and perhaps a description of it would be interesting to some philatelists. The card is of the small size, printed in red on cream-colored paper. In the right-hand corner is cut a profile of Her Majesty, as she appeared thirty years ago, facing the left; above the head, are the words "Canada Postage" and at the bottom the value, "2 Cents," in words and figures. The royal arms, the lion and the unicorn, occupy a position about middle of the card at the top, with the usual inscription in English and French.

The Toronto Philatelic Club has been re-organized for the coming year, with a very strong set of officers. Probably in no town in America can Philately claim as her devotees such representative citizens. Mr. W. H. Brouse, President of the T. P. C., is known throughout Ontario, as a prominent young member of the largest legal firm in Canada, Messrs. Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbitt, Chadwick and Riddell. Messrs. Thomas Pinkney, the Vice President, and J. H. Mackenzie, hold very responsible positions in the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company and the Imperial Bank of Canada respectively. Mr. Atwell Fleming is a partner in the old established printing house of Hunter, Rose & Co. Messrs. Lester, Grundy and Beatty are well known figures in Toronto commercial circles and on 'Change. Prof. Hebner is associated with the Ontario School of Pharmacy and Toronto School of Medicine. Prof. Louden is the Principal of Ontario University, the largest in Canada and one of the five largest in America. Dr. Johnson is a well-known physician. Taking it all through, we have the cream of society, finance and education within our ranks in Toronto.

The committee, composed of Messrs. Muirhead, Bailey and Baker, appointed by the Trustees of the Dominion Philatelic Association to consult with Capt. Murtele, President of the Canadian Philatelic Association, have brought in a report favorable to the amalgamation of the two societies. The report reads that "In the matter of dues no sum under 50 cents per annum would be considered by the C.P.A. and that their preference would be $1.00 per annum." Clause 2 of the report says that the President of the C. P. A. would require a meeting of representatives of the two associations in January, 1897, for the purpose of considering all matters not touched on in the report and for the purpose of appointing a new board of officers for the coming year. A larger grant is recommended to the official organ, preferably $50, and not less than $25, per annum. It is also recommended that a certain sum of money be paid the Secretary in consideration of efficient services. While I do not agree with some of the suggestions herein contained, nor do I recognize that the Trustees of the D.P.A. have any right, under the constitution, to appoint such a committee as the above, nevertheless, if the amalgamation of Canada's two national societies can be consummated on such terms as will be of special benefit to Philately in Canada, I am not the one to raise any objection to the scheme. In my opinion, however, the new society will have to be in a strong financial condition, indeed, if we can afford to pay a Secretary and give an annual grant of $50 to an official organ.

I. E. WELDON.

In order to increase the circulation of the EASTERN PHILATELIST we will, until further notice, present free to every subscriber who encloses with remittance a *stamped* and self-directed envelope, a set of 16 varieties Cuban stamps, catalogued by Scott's 56th edition catalogue at $1.00. These stamps are unused, with original gum, and embrace issues from 1857 to 1882. This liberal offer is made to increase our subscription list, and present subscribers are not entitled to it. They can, however, obtain the premium by sending us a new subscriber, or by renewing for another year. Don't forget the stamped and self-directed envelope, or the premium will not be sent.

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I will exchange for U. S. plate numbers stamps and entire envelopes not in my collection. Among a host of others I have Justice, 24 and 30c; State, 1c; set Agriculture; set of 1869; P. O. and Centennial envelopes, entire; Newspaper, 1c, 1885, 1, 2, 5, 10, and 25 c, 1895, all o. g.; 4c, 1883 and 1888, both o. g.; many bureau plate numbers; revenues, etc. Pairs of type II and III, plate number 170. Write. Philip J. Vetter, Jr., 415 Penn avenue, Scranton, Pa. (106)

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I want to exchange stamps with collectors. Will also buy in part of the exchanges. Value for value. Address Robt. Steudel, Phoenixville, Pa. . (115)

Revenues—I have several 25c Protest, imperforate; 25c Bond, Insurance and Certificate, part perforated, to exchange for perforated Revenues. Also $3, blue and black; $3.50, claret, and $2, vermilion. Any one wishing to exchange for above send list to 1166 East Madison avenue, Cleveland, O. (106)

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" 10c, type I, fine	20.00	13.00
" 5c, yellow, 2, on cover, slight defect	17.00	8 50
1862, 5c, red-brown	3.50	2.25
" 5c, brown (per 10, $2.25)	.40	.25
1869, 1c (per 10, $4.20)	.75	.45
" 6c (per 10, $4.60)	.85	.50
" 10c	1.00	.70
" 12c	.75	.50
" 15c	2.00	1.40
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5c, "	.05
10c, "	.03
40c, "	.45
60c, "	.75
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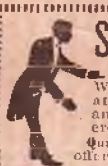

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